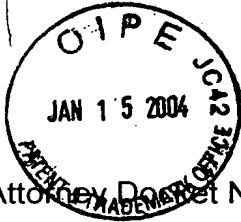


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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Action dated October 17, 2003, it is respectfully requested that this application be reconsidered in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.